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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: UNGA, PFOR, AS
SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL INFORMATION
ON HOST GOVERNMENTS

REF: A) STATE 159747, B) STATE 148782

1. ALTHOUGH THE EMPHASIS THE GOA INTENDS TO GIVE VARIOUS
UNGA ISSUES HAS NOT BEEN FINALLY DETERMINED, THE FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPAL INTEREST TO THE GOA IN 1977, IN
ADDITION TO SUBJECTS OUTLINED IN 76 CANBERRA 1635, ARE:

A) KOREA: GOA WILL PUSH EFFORT TO KEEP KOREAN ISSUE OUT OF
THE UNGA DEBATE AS IT WAS LAST YEAR.

B) SOUTH AFRICA: GOA HAS PROVIDED AND WILL CONTINUE TO
PROVIDE STRONG SUPPORT TO US' AND OTHER NATIONS' ANTI-
APARTHEID EFFORTS.

C) RHODESIA: GOA WILL ASSIST IN EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A
BLANKET SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM BUT IS NOT OVERLY OPTIMISTIC
THAT SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND AT THIS STAGE.

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D) MIDDLE EAST: GOA WILL SUPPORT EFFORTS TO RECONVENE GENEVA
CONFERENCE.

E) NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS: AS A DEVELOPED NATION IN A LARGELY
UNDER-DEVELOPED AREA, GOA PLANS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE
SECOND COMMITTEE DEBATE ON NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS. GOA
HAS PROBLEMS WITH LOCAL, PARTICULARLY ASEAN, NATIONS OVER ITS

TRADE POLICY BUT IS TAKING STEPS TO ESTABLISH CLOSER LINKS WITH THEM. SEE CANBERRA 5662 AND CANBERRA 5759.

F) HUMAN RIGHTS: THE GOA IS A STRONG AND CONVINCED SUPPORTER OF US EFFORTS IN THIS AREA. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE FOR SOUTH AFRICA, WHERE PRIME MINISTER FRASER HAS TAKEN A STRONG PERSONAL STAND. TIMOR REMAINS A SEENSITIVE ISSUE FOR AUSTRALIANS GIVEN WORLD WAR II TIES WITH THE ISLAND BALANCED BY THE NEED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA.

G) UN BUDGET CONTROL AND UN STRUCTURAL ISSUES: GOA SHARES US CONCERN OVER THESE SUBJECTS AND IS PREPARED GENERALLY TO FOLLOW US LEAD. GOA IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN FIFTH COMMITTEE ACTION ON SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS.

H) UN SPECIAL AGENCY ISSUES: GOA HAS PROVIDED STRONG SUPPORT TO US IN UNESCO AND IN ILO TO DEPOLITICIZE AGENCIES AND WILL PROVIDE US WITH STRONG SUPPORT AT LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE. GOA IS GREATLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY OF US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO AND WILL MAKE STRONG EFFORT TO CONVINCE US TO STAY IN.

2. AS NOTED IN LAST YEAR'S GENERAL COMMENT, THE US ALLIANCE IS PRIMARY AND ESSENTIAL TO THE GOA. THE GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT ALL REASONABLE US INITIATIVES TO A
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MAXIMUM EXTENT IN ALL INTERNATIONAL FORA WHERE US INITIATIVES ARE NOT DIRECTLY INIMICAL TO GOA INTERESTS.

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